



From left are Fr. Stuart Wood, Ginger Hellems, Harriette Floyd, Grace Parker, Jane Bunnell, Susan Neal and Barbara Cockrell.

## Five graduate from ministry program

On Sunday, June 30, five members of Christ Church Parish in Middlesex graduated from a four-year program of Christian formation, Education for Ministry (EfM).

This program is a distance learning curriculum administered by the Beeken Center of the School of Theology at the University of the South (Sewanee) and utilized by Episcopal parishes in the United States. It is based on the premise that every baptized Christian is called to ministry in many ways, not necessarily through ordination, but through prayer, work, study and service.

Throughout the four years of the program the participants meet weekly to study and discuss the prescribed lessons on Old Testament, New Testament, church history, and theology. In addition, they discern how they are called to live their faith.

This year's EfM graduates are Jane Bunnell, Harriette Floyd, Ginger Hellems, Susan Neal and Christ Church Verger Grace Parker. The program is led by nine year EfM veteran Barbara Cockrell.

For more information on the program contact Barbara through the church office at 804-758-2006.